

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)
)
Implementing a Nationwide, Broadband,) PS Docket No. 06-229
Interoperable Public Safety Network in the 700)
MHz Band)

To: Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau

**700 MHz PUBLIC SAFETY BROADBAND QUARTERLY REPORT
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Pursuant to the Commission's *Waiver Order*,¹ the District of Columbia ("District") here provides its fourth 700 MHz Public Safety Broadband Quarterly Report.

Planning. The District has initiated a region-wide planning process covering all six states in FEMA Region III: Delaware, the District, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. A kick-off meeting with Statewide Interoperability Coordinators was held March 4, 2011, and actions were initiated to develop a governance agreement over the coming months. This planning is expected to continue through most of this year. The District also prepared input to the PSST Operator Advisory Committee for filing joint comments in response to the FCC's 4th Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, as well as a Petition for Reconsideration filed in January in response the December 2010 FCC Order. The recent FNPRM filing urges the formation of a Nationwide Network Governance Entity (NNGE) and an integrated governance process for interoperability

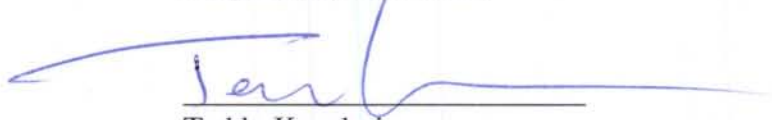
¹ *In the Matter of Requests for Waiver of Various Petitioners to Allow the Establishment of 700 MHz Interoperable Public Safety Wireless Broadband Networks*, PS Docket No. 06-229, FCC 10-79 (May 12, 2010) ("Waiver Order"), ¶ 64.

planning. The District has also provided feedback to NIST / Public Safety Communications Research (PSCR) on technology topics being evaluated in the demonstration network project.

Funding. The District is working to identify an alternative funding source.

Deployment. The District already has 12 sites fully prepared as a result of its earlier 700 MHz broadband pilot initiatives (Flarion OFDMA and Alcatel-Lucent EVDO Rev. A). Deployment planning will be on hold until there is more clarity on funding and an appropriate procurement vehicle.

Respectfully submitted,



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